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'Gold Medal' Material — He's Not!

## Clinton Administration Sets New World Record in Ethical Violations



*"Clinton, in his first official act as President, signed an executive order establishing the most stringent ethical requirements of any administration ever." — U.S. Newswire, 1/21/93*

If ethical violations were an Olympic sport, the Clinton Administration would be the toast of Atlanta. Among the major events:

### Whitewater

- Clinton cronies **James and Susan McDougal**, plus Bill Clinton's successor as Arkansas (now-former) governor **Jim Guy Tucker** — convicted on multiple felony charges, including bank fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy to defraud the United States, among others.
- Assorted "FOB"s and "FOH"s pleading guilty to various crimes include **Web Hubbell** (former law partner of Hillary Clinton at the Rose Law Firm and former Associate Attorney General: mail fraud and attempted tax evasion); **Neil Ainley** (former president of Perry County Bank: defrauding the U.S. Government); **David Hale** (former Little Rock judge and president of Arkansas Small Business Investment Corporation: defrauding the U.S. Government); and **Robert Palmer** (real estate appraiser for Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan: defrauding the U.S. Government).
- And then there is the disappearance of **Hillary Clinton's Rose Law Firm billing records** (bearing **Vince Foster's** handwritten notes) requested by the Senate Special Committee — and their reappearance in the **White House private living quarters** two years later!

## Filegate

- In late 1993, the Clinton White House obtains **sensitive FBI personal files** — containing “raw” background data, ripe for abuse — on some 500 persons. The files turn out to belong not to Clinton employees but to **former Bush Administration personnel**.
- Clinton apologists claim a “**bureaucratic snafu**.” But according to testimony to Congress, damaging files were passed on to security chief **Craig Livingstone**. Livingstone is a longtime political operative whose apparent patron is **Hillary Clinton**.
- “*One of the most flagrant abuses of constitutional authority any president can allow or commit*” (**David Broder**, *WP*, 6/19/96). “*The FBI and I were victimized*” (FBI Director **Louis Freeh**, *WP*, 6/15/96). “*More serious than anything we have seen in decades*” (Former FBI agent **Gary Aldrich**, *WSJ*, 6/13/96).

## Travelgate

- In May 1993, seven employees of the **White House Travel Office**, including director Billy Dale, were fired for alleged embezzlement (later disproved) and mismanagement. The new director: **Bill Clinton’s** 24-year-old “third cousin” **Catherine Cornelius**.
- **Hillary Clinton** urged the firings, according to memos by Chief of Staff **Mack McLarty** (“HRC pressure”) and Director of Administration **David Watkins** (HRC: “We need these people out. We need our people in”) [*AP*, 1/11/96]. Hollywood producer (and FOH) **Harry Thomasen** sought White House air charter business.

## Assorted Scandals

- In 1993, “a few dozen” persons with histories of recent **drug use** (some used cocaine, crack, LSD) received **White House passes** over Secret Service objections [*WP*, 7/1/96].
- **Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy** took **illegal gifts** (tickets, use of aircraft and a car, \$1,200 “scholarship” for a girlfriend) from firms regulated by his department. Resigned.
- **David Watkins, White House Director of Administration**, misused presidential helicopters (cost: \$13,129) and used campaign funds (\$37,500) to settle sexual harassment suit by a 1992 Clinton campaign worker. Resigned but kept on retainer.
- **Bernard Nussbaum, White House Counsel**, held improper meetings with officials investigating Madison Guaranty and Trust (the S&L related to Whitewater). Resigned.
- Plus **Zoe Baird** (nannies), **Hazel O’Leary** (travel costs), **Henry Cisneros** (lying to FBI).

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